

GRULKE, Selma Pauline

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Selma P. Grulke, 90

Avoca — Selma Pauline Grulke, daughter of Pauline Lorenzen and Richard Podaak was born March 8, 1890 in Walnut. She died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1980 at the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca at age 90 years, 4 months and 27 days. Selma was educated in the Walnut schools.

On Nov. 5, 1913 she married Ernest S. Grulke in Atlantic. This union was blessed with two children. They farmed six miles west of Atlantic until 1928, when they moved to Avoca. They resided there for over 50 years. She was the only living chartered member of the Avoca Garden club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a step-father - Henry Namanny, one brother - Max Podaak and one son - Paul. Survivors include her husband - Ernest, of Avoca, one daughter - Mrs Maurine Atkison of Omaha, Neb., one daughter-in-law - Mrs LaVonne Grulke of Harlan, two grandchildren - Wayne Grulke of Atlantic and Mrs Gloria Miner of Avoca, eight great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 7, 1980 at Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan with Dr. Larry LaVelle officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Dallas Popp, Bob Oathoudt, Delmar Fritz, Duane Tessmann, Everett Wendt and Darold Tessman serving as casketbearers.